

WELCOMES SOLDIERS ABROAD



American soldiers and sailors in London are made to feel at home by an illustrated sign in the Strand, which guides them to the Eagle Hut, where refreshments and recreation are provided by the Y. M. C. A.

Salient is west of the Brenta, culminating to the north in Monte Zambona, of the Asiago plateau. While General von Bulow's German armies, by successive and carefully prepared attacks, seek to encircle Monte Zambona by capturing various heights and neighboring peaks, General Conrad's Austrians are delivering either simultaneous or alternating attacks against the Asiago salient, on the opposite side of the Brenta. During a four-day continuous assault by the enemy last week the Italian fourth army put up a resistance so formidable as to win the unstinted admiration of both the French and British armies. Show fell throughout the mountain sectors on Monday—the first real winter weather. At the moment the enemy has only a few days left before great drifts of snow will freeze him up. But even should the worst come to the worst and the Italian defense to be wiped out, the Italian, French and British armies are always ready to meet any emergency. The terrible intensity of the battle now raging is aptly illustrated by testimony from the Austrians. They declare they are driven to the attack by a barrage fire of their own artillery, but behind attacking waves and constantly moving forward. Thus the Austrians must advance or be wiped out by their own guns.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Normal artillery fire and no infantry advances was all the official report had to announce today.

ITALY COUNTS ON COLD WEATHER TO HALT FOE

By HENRY WOOD
WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN ITALY, Dec. 29.—The fate of the Venetian plains today hangs on the weather. If Italy's lines hold for a fortnight under the tremendous Teutonic pressure winter's ice and snow will effectively lock the door to the plains. Both sides realize the supreme necessity of a decision on both sides of the Brenta River. If Italy can make successful defense, as she is now doing, and should the Austro-Germans on their present line, she will be ready for a spring counter-offensive. Officials regard the present situation as the most favorable and the most hopeful for the Italians since the original retreat. The Austro-German strategy is now consistently unfolded to render it certain their sole winter object consists in reaching the Venetian plains through the valley of the Brenta, flowing out from the Alps at Bassano. Protecting this crucial point the Italians have two deep salients. One is east of the Brenta, culminating with its most southerly point in Monte Salorolo. Monte Zambona is its highest point. The other

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SUI MONTI ITALIANI LA LOTTA E' VIOLENTA

Gli Austro-Tedeschi a Caro Prezzo Mantengono Monte Asolone

ATTACCHI DISPERATI

Verso il Basso Corso del Piave gli Austriaci Sono Sconfitti e Respinti

ROMA, 26 dicembre.

Dalle notizie giunte dalla fronte di battaglia si rileva che le forze austro-tedesche, in numero preponderante, hanno concentrato tutti i loro sforzi sulle linee delle montagne al nord. Esse esercitano una straordinaria pressione sulle linee italiane allo scopo di aprirvi un varco per poter avanzare verso le pianure. La lotta e' violentissima ed i tentoni a caro prezzo sono riusciti ad ottenere qualche piccolo successo tra col Caprile e Monte Asolone.

Una sanguinosa battaglia fu il risultato degli attacchi degli austro-tedeschi in detta regione e si protrasse per l'intera giornata. I duelli di artiglieria tra il Brenta ed il Piave furono assai violenti.

L'avanzata del nemico fu arrestata in piu punti e solo nella regione di Monte Asolone i tentoni riuscirono a guadagnare terreno. Da notizie del quartier generale italiano si apprende che estremamente violenti sono stati i combattimenti nella regione delle montagne ed anche lungo il basso corso della Piave.

Gli austro-ungarici hanno operato cinque violentissimi attacchi per tentare di attraversare il Sile o Vecchio Piave. I suoi sforzi principali furono diretti in un punto distante appena tre miglia dalla foce del fiume, ove tentarono di gettare un ponte di barche. Un primo reparto austriaco riuscì ad attraversare il corso delle acque, ma dopo una serie di violenti attacchi condotti dalle forze italiane fu respinto e costretto non più a tentare la prova.

Altri quattro simultanei tentativi, in detta regione, furono in compenso respinti dagli italiani, ma il combattimento continuò. Nella regione delle montagne gli austro-tedeschi hanno concentrato tutta la loro pressione sulle alture che dominano il basso di San Lorenzo che mena verso i piani di A. Bassano; quindi i tentoni sono stati ripetutamente respinti, ma con i rinforzi sono riusciti a fare qualche progresso sulle posizioni ad est di A. Bassano, ed in un punto della zona di Monte Asolone il nemico e' riuscito a guadagnare terreno ed a mantenerlo. Il risultato di un disperato combattimento che durò un'intera giornata e

Un comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato ieri dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma, dice che le forze austro-tedesche, operanti sulla fronte delle montagne al nord, durante la giornata precedente hanno effettuato un determinato sforzo per avanzare sulle linee tra Col Caprile e Monte Asolone. Il comunicato aggiunge che soltanto nella zona di Monte Asolone il nemico e' riuscito a guadagnare terreno ed a mantenerlo. Il risultato di un disperato combattimento che durò un'intera giornata e

West Doesn't Appreciate Crisis The West doesn't appreciate the seriousness of the struggle in which the country is engaged, says the opinion expressed by Ernest T. Tamm, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, on his return from an extended tour of the South and West.

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che costo? agli austro-tedeschi perdite gravissime.

La fiducia nella resistenza delle forze Alleate per mantenere indietro gli austro-tedeschi dalle pianure e' aumentata. Il nuovo ha cominciato di nuovo a cadere e sembra persistente. Gli austriaci hanno tentato di tener testa per tre giorni verso Col della Berretta, ma tutti i loro sforzi per avanzare sono stati frustrati e sono stati respinti. La Camera dei Deputati terrà oggi una sessione segreta per discutere la situazione di guerra.

DAI CAMPI MILITARI

A Camp Meade (Admiral, Md.) in seguito a visita medica che accorciò i difetti fisici, sono stati esonerati dal servizio militare oltre cento soldati, i quali faranno subito ritorno alle loro case. Fra gli esentati si sono notati i seguenti: Antonio Vareschione, Giuseppe Calarmino, Emanuele Abella e Luigi Velozzi.

Il capitano Morris S. Barratt, chairman del comitato che sta raccogliendo i fondi per offrire doni ai soldati del 215-mo. Fanteria, composto di tutti i giovani di Philadelphia, si recò a Camp Meade accompagnato da sette membri del consiglio comunale allo scopo di fare una visita all'accampamento di accettori dei doni di quei soldati. I servizi igienici che con tanto entusiasmo hanno risposto all'appello di Uncle Sam hanno urgente bisogno di guanti, dato l'eccessivo freddo che si verifica in questi giorni. Il "Soldier's and Sailor's Home Service Bureau of the Emergency Aid," del quale e' chairman Mrs. Trenchard Newbold, ha intrapreso una campagna con lo scopo appunto di provvedere i fondi per i guanti ai soldati di Camp Meade.

Da una corrispondenza giunta da Camp Meade si rileva che in un reggimento di fanteria, e precisamente il 313-mo, composto di circa 2000 uomini, il loro rappresentante ventiseienne nazionalita', Duemila sottoposti quarantasei uomini di detta reggimento sono tutti negli Stati Uniti. Cinque e' della Chiesa Greca ortodossa ed 81 che non professano alcuna religione.

CHILDREN PROVE PATRIOTIC

10,000 Eschew Christmas Goodies to Give Proceeds to Sammees

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 29.—Ten thousand Sunday school children voluntarily will go without their customary Christmas entertainments, candy and oranges this year in order that shore churches may give the money either to the Red Cross or to Uncle Sam direct for Sammees across seas. There were doubtful dominies present when the idea was suggested to the Ministerial Union. Some wanted to know how the kids would take it. Somebody suggested a referendum and it was ordered. Ninety-nine per cent of the children voted to forego confectionery. The boys were lost in the shuffle.

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LINER'S GUNS PUT U-BOAT TO FLIGHT

Enemy Submarine Compelled to Submerge Before Attack Could Be Made

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 29.

An American liner which arrived here today, with Major General Hugh L. Scott as one of its ninety-eight passengers, engaged a German submarine in battle off the Irish coast on December 12. The American gunners fired several shots at the U-boat, which escaped, however, submerging without attempting to attack the liner. The battle, if it could be called one, took place at 7:45 o'clock in the morning. A lookout posted in the bow sang out the alarm. He had sighted a periscope about 1000 yards away. The gunners immediately sprang to their posts. As the passengers poured from their cabins and began to don life belts the low gun fired the first shot, which fell slightly short of the U-boat. The boat was turning around at the time, and the stern gun next opened fire. Two shots were fired from the stern gun before the submarine slid from view beneath the waves.

General Scott praised the gun crews highly. He said they worked rapidly and well. Had the U-boat remained in sight a moment or two longer, the general declared, the gunners would have scored a hit, as they were fast finding the range.

RADIO IN GERMAN'S HOUSE

Messages of Troop Movements Received, Naval Agents Alleged

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Following the discovery of a radio outfit in his home in Bay Shore, L. I., Henry Heuer, a broker, who has pneumonia, is being guarded by Federal agents until he is able to be removed. Naval intelligence bureau agents via Heuer's home and found the radio outfit. In the house was Henry Schneider, a Bay Shore jeweler, whom they arrested as an enemy alien. The agents allege Heuer has received messages concerning troop movements through his radio outfit. Heuer denies the accusation.

CAILLAUX DENIES TREASONABLE ACTS

Former Premier of France Defends Himself Against Charges Before Deputies

PARIS, Dec. 29.

Joseph Caillaux, France's former Premier, made his defense before the Chamber of Deputies today against charges of treason and complicity with Boia Pasha to undermine his country's defense. Caillaux flatly denied his visits to Italy have any treasonable significance or that he was working with minister elements in Italy to divide France and that monarchy. "If the French embassy in Rome had advised me of their objections to my presence in that city I would have departed," he declared. Caillaux flatly denied his trip to Rome in December, 1916, was impelled by treasonable motives. He said he had

WOMAN SHOVELS SNOW

Loves Job Working to Feed Children When Sex Is Discovers

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Julia Miller is looking for work today to keep her two children from going hungry, after being discharged from a snow shoveling gang on the street. Hearing that snow shovelers were receiving good pay, Mrs. Miller donned man's clothing and went to work on the street. Her frail figure attracted attention, she was questioned, her sex revealed and a man put in her place.

Angler, 86, Lands 24-Inch Carp

REEDSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 29.—Potter Wertz, eighty-six years old, the veteran fisherman of the Kishacoquillas, showed his superiority over the younger disciples of Isaac Walton when he landed a twenty-four-inch carp with hook and line. Two weeks ago Mr. Wertz caught thirty-five suckers with an average length of fifteen inches.

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